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1. SIXTH ANNUAL CONSULTATION WITH POLAND PER PROTOCOL OF
ACCESSION NEXT WEEK UNLIKELY TO RESOLVE LONG-STANDING IMPASSE
ABOUT FIXING DATE FOR TERMINATION OF TRANSITIONAL PERIOD, I.E.
FIRM DATE FOR ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATORY QRS AGAINST POLAND.
POLISH REP TOLD US HE IS 99 PERCENT SURE THERE IS NO CHANGE IN
POLISH POSITION (DATE OF END 1974 SHOULD BE SET) AND ALSO NO HINT
OF ANY CHANGE ON PART OF EC (POSSIBILITY OF SOME QRS REMAINING
AFTER END OF TRANSITIONAL PERIOD MUST BE RECOGNIZED). POLISH REP
SAYS HE KNOWS OF NO NEW PROPOSALS OF COMPROMISE FORMULAE LIKELY
TO BE FLOATED BY POLAND. COMMENT: POLISH STATEMENT AT
TOKYO MINISTERIAL WAS UNDOUBTEDLY CAREFULLY NOTED BY EC
SINCE IT WAS CLEAR INDICATION POLAND HAS GIVEN UP THE FIGHT
IN CONTEXT OF POLISH WP. DEPUTY MINISTER FOR FOREIGN TRADE
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SAID "OUR STANDPOINT IS THAT ALL THE REMAINING DISCRIMINATORY

PRACTICES AMONG THE CPS SHOULD BE DEFINITELY ELIMINATED DURING THE NEW ROUND." (CONTEXT OF COURSE WAS MTN 1973-1975, NOT FORTHCOMING WP.)

2. QR NOTIFICATION BY MAIN COUNTRIES MAINTAINING QRS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED VERY LATE AND WILL PROBABLY NOT REACH MOST CAPITALS INCLUDING WASHINGTON IN TIME TO INFLUENCE INSTRUCTIONS. EC NOTIFICATION L/3930/ADD.1 DATED OCTOBER 9 POUCHED OCTOBER 10 IS EVEN MORE OBSCURE THAN HERETOFORE AND, DUE TO EC ENLARGEMENT, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO TELL FROM IT HOW MUCH AND WHAT KIND OF PROGRESS WAS MADE IN WHAT COUNTRIES. THERE IS NO WAY TO ASCERTAIN FROM EC SUBMISSION WHETHER CLAIM OF PROGRESS IS NOT PROGRESS, I.E. WHETHER NEW DISCRIMINATORY QRS HAVE BEEN APPLIED BUT OFFSET BY MORE EXTENSIVE LIBERALIZATION PER EC INTERPRETATION OF PROTOCOL. FINNISH SUBMISSION L/3930/ADD.2 OCTOBER 10 SHOWS SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF NEW DISCRIMINATORY QRS AGAINST POLAND APPLIED (BUT OVERALL PROGRESS IN LIBERALIZATION SINCE 1967).

3. STATISTICS ON POLAND'S TRADE WITH CPS (L/3917 AUGUST 31) SHOWS POLAND HAS EXCEEDED ITS IMPORT COMMITMENT.

4. MISSION SUGGESTS INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEETING NEXT WEEK AUTHORIZE US TO SUPPORT POLISH REQUEST TO FIX DATE FOR END OF TRANSITION PERIOD BUT ADJUST DEGREE OF OUR SUPPORT TO DEGREE POLAND PUSHES FOR IT, I.E. WE SHOULD NOT BE MORE VIGOROUS THAN POLAND. SIMILARLY, SUGGEST WE BE AUTHORIZED SUPPORT BUT NOT GET OUT AHEAD OF POLISH CRITICISM OF INADEQUATE QR NOTIFICATIONS. SAME POSTURE SEEMS APPROPRIATE CONCERNING EC AND OTHER WE DOCTRINE THAT IT IS CONSISTENT WITH PROTOCOL TO IMPOSE SAY 10 NEW RESTRICTIONS IF 11 OTHERS ARE REMOVED.

5. INSTRUCTIONS NEEDED OPENING OF BUSINESS OCTOBER 15.BASSIN

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